**You SERVE the Lord Christ ~ Colossians 3:22-4:11**

**🡺Scripture Reading-** Colossians 3:22-4:1

 **INTRODUCTION**

**Colossians 3:24** ...It is the **Lord Christ** you are **Serving**.

Paul deals with the **Duty of Slaves** in the **Context of** **the Family** because **slaves** were considered a **part of the household**. EBC

 **Work with ALL your Heart ~ Colossians 3:22-24**

22 **Slaves**, obey your earthly **masters** in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to win their favor, but with **Sincerity** of heart and **Reverence** for the Lord. 23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, NOT for men, 24 since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

**Colossians 3:22-23** (JBP) **Slaves**, your job is to **obey your masters**, not with the idea of currying favor, but as a sincere expression of your devotion to the Lord. **Whatever you DO**, put your whole heart and soul into it, as into **work done for the Lord**, and not merely for men...

23 **Whatever you do**, work at it with all your heart, **as working for the Lord**, NOT **for men**, 24 since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. **It is the Lord Christ you are serving**.

 **IMPLICATION**

22 **Slaves**, OBEY your earthly masters in Everything... 23 **Whatever you do**, work at it with ALL your heart, **as working for the Lord**, NOT **for men**...

**Galatians 3:28** (NIV) There is neither Jew nor Greek, **Slave** **nor Free**, male nor female,

for **you are ALL ONE** in Christ Jesus.

23 **Whatever you do**, work at it with ALL your heart, as working **for the Lord**, NOT for men...

 **There is NO FAVORITISM ~ Colossians 3:25- 4:1**

**3:25** ANYONE who does wrong will be repaid for his wrong, and there is no favoritism. **4:1** Masters, provide your slaves with what is right and fair, because you know that you also have a Master in heaven.

**Ephesians 6:9** (NLT) Masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Don’t threaten them; Remember, you both have the same Master in heaven, and HE has NO favorites.

 **Galatians 6:7** (NIV) ...A man Reaps what he Sows.

 **IMPLICATION**

**Overlapping Areas in which Believers Function**

* **in CHRIST**- ALL Believers are IN Christ 2 Cor 5:17

* **in the HOUSEHOLD**- different Rolls and Responsibilities Eph 5:21

* **in the CHURCH-** ALL believers stand together at the Cross Gal 3.28

* **in the STATE-** ALL Believers answer to governing authorities Rom 10:13

**Ephesians 2:8–9** (NLT) **God saved you by His Grace** when you Believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a **GIFT from God**. 9 Salvation is **not a reward** for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

 **TAKE AWAY ??**

**3:24**...It is **the Lord Christ** you are **SERVING**.

**1 Corinthians 10:31** (NIV) So whether you **eat** or **drink** or **Whatever you do**, DO IT ALL for the **Glory of God**.

**3:24**...It is **the Lord Christ** you are **SERVING**.